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Turner Joined by Community and Business Leaders in Support of Park Service Request for Funding to Purchase Historic Wright Company Factory

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Mike Turner (OH-10) was joined by business and community leaders this morning to express their support for a fiscal year 2015 funding request to the National Park Service that would include funding to purchase the Wright Company Factory.

In 2009, Turner included language in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act that expanded the boundaries of the Dayton Aviation Historic Park to include the Wright Company Factory. The Wright Company Factory buildings are the first American facilities specifically designed and built to manufacture airplanes. The purchase of this facility would allow for preservation and the continued education of the innovation and achievements the Wright Brothers made to aviation.

"The Wright Brothers developed the world's first flying field, the world's first flying school and the world's first airplane manufacturing company in the Dayton, Ohio area, which is why we are here today. We have been working for several years to include the Wright Company Factory into the Dayton Aviation National Historical Park and with the approval of this funding request we will be one step closer to opening this facility up to the public," said Congressman Mike Turner.

Along with the event this morning, Congressman Turner sent letters of support to Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service and Secretary Sally Jewell, U.S. Department of the Interior. Copies of the letters are attached.

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